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ANSWERS TO CONTRACTORS' QUESTIONS:

Questions regarding Solicitation Number DACW63-02-R-0009:

1) Ref RFP 00120-11, 5.2.3, Volume 1, SubFactor III, the second bullet point states the SDB Utilization Plan must include "Targets expressed in dollars and percentages representing each SDB concern's participation of the total contract value." This suggests that the offeror must propose individual SDB concerns and identify the exact work they will perform on this contract. This seems difficult as a this is an IDIQ project.

Is it sufficient to identify SDB concerns, the nature of the work they will perform, and the total targeted value in dollars and percentages for all SDB subcontracting?

Answer: Yes, due to the very nature of the IDIQ type contract with no definite project identified, this will be acceptable.

2) Please verify that CLINS 0001-0004 are for the purpose of establishing prime contractor professional employee rates only and not AE support of any kind.

Answer: This is accurate. These CLINS are for the PRIME only.

3) Ref RFP 00120, 5.1.4 - For rapid response projects, the RFP requests information on the "time it would take to secure additional bonding protection to support the task, taking into consideration the sporadic nature of this requirement and the potential of multiple task orders ranging up to the contract maximum". Then the RFP requests information for task orders over \$10,000,000. As an 8(a) firm, these requested amounts exceed the total dollar amount the solicitation states we could be awarded for a task order. Is it required for 8(a) firms to respond to this particular requirement in the RFP?

Answer: Yes. Even though this is the identified Maximum, it does not mean that you will refuse to accept an order greater than that. It just means that you don't have to accept an order greater than that.

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4) Ref RFP 00900-3, 4.1.1 states that the "Project Manager shall be responsible for the overall management and coordination of this contract and shall be the central point of contact with the Government for performance of all work under this contract". Yet, under RFP 00900-4, 5.2.1, it states that the Program Manager "has the direct responsibility for contract execution. This individual shall serve as the single point of contact and liaison between the Contracting Officer and the Contractor."

Please clarify if the Project Manager or Program Manager is intended to be the single point of contact for the Government and who will be responsible for contract execution.

Answer: The Program Manager is generally at a higher level than the Project Manager. The program manager would be the single POC for the Government for all projects (all task orders) that the contractor is executing. The Project Manager is the POC for the specific project (one task order) that he/she is executing. The Program Level within the Government will deal with the Program level in the contractor's office. When executing a specific project, the on site government personnel will deal directly with your project manager on site. See Amendment No. 0003 which reissues Section 00900.

5) Under Amendment 2, the requirement to provide information on Technical Approach for Initial Sole Source Task Order (00120, 5.1.2 of original RFP). But Section 00220 "Initial Sole Source Task Order" was not listed as deleted under Amendment 2. Please clarify that this Section has been deleted.

Answer: Section 00220 was deleted by Amendment No. 0001.

6) Ref CLIN 0006 - If a project is identified in a remote location (such as Hawaii or Guam), will associated travel expenses for the site survey/visit be included under CLIN 0006.

Answer: Yes

7) On page 27 of the Pre-Proposal Conference Minutes, a reference was made to the potential amendment of Section 00900. Does the Government still anticipate the amendment of this section?

Answer: Section 00900 was reissued by Amendment No. 0003.